GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4114
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RASHTRIYA SAM VIKAS YOJANA IN UP
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a)whether fund has been allocated to the Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY);

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether the complaints have been received from the public representatives especially in Unnao district by the Union Government in connection with alleged irregularities at district level under the above scheme;

(d)if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(e)the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING(SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The District Plan of Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh covered under the Backward Districts Initiative of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana was approved in January, 2003 and first instalment of Rs. 7.50 crore was released for this district in September, 2003 after approval to the scheme. Keeping in view the progress of expenditure, the second instalment of Rs. 7.50 crore has been recently recommended for release.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Shri Brajesh Pathak, Hon`ble Member of Parliament complained in October, 2004 that the works under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana in Unnao district had been allotted to NGOs belonging to senior officials of the State Government or the MLAs of the ruling party. He had desired that these works should be got executed through the Government agencies. Subsequently, he raised this matter in the Lok Sabha in December, 2004 under Rule 377 and also through a Motion under Rule 184 emphasizing the need to execute the works under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana in Unnao district through Government agencies.

(e): On receipt of the complaint, the State Government was requested to get this matter investigated. While conveying the approval of the Planning Commission to the modified District Plan of Unnao district, the State Government was directed that all civil / construction works under the District Plan may be got executed only departmentally and no such work should be allotted to any NGO. The State Government informed that seven NGOs had been selected by a Committee of Officers through an interview conducted as per the Government guidelines and based on their experience and that no NGO was related to any senior officer or the MLA of the ruling party. They further informed that two of these NGOs were initially allotted construction activity. However, this activity has not been started due to the direction of the State Government that civil/ construction works shall not be given to any NGO.